

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
: Confirmation Number: 4353  
Shingo HANE, et al. :  
Application No.: 10/644,064 : Tech Center Art Unit: 2137  
Filed: August 20, 2003 : Examiner: S. Gelagay  
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For: ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH THE USE OF  
SIGNATURE TECHNIQUE CAPABLE OF MASKING

**NOTICE OF APPEAL  
FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated July 3, 2008 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 3-8 and 10-16.

Appeal Fee: \$540.00

- Not required (fee paid in prior appeal in this application).
- Charge to Deposit Account No. 500417.
- Check Enclosed.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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